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**Attention: Medicaid Physicians, Pharmacies, FQHC,
RHC, Nursing Homes, Provider Associations**

**Subject: Updated Cough and Cold Coverage Policy
for Pharmacy Claims**

The Medicaid Agency is allowed to exclude agents when used for the symptomatic relief of cough and colds based on the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (OBRA 90).

Effective November 1, 2005, the Alabama Medicaid Agency will discontinue coverage of name brand cough and cold products. The Alabama Medicaid Agency will continue coverage for generic and over-the-counter cough and cold products.

Policy questions concerning this provider notice should be directed to the Pharmacy Program at (334) 242-5050. For other information and updates, please see the Agency website at www.medicaid.state.al.us.

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